

# Urge Probe of CIA Role in Guyana

LONDON, April 13 (AP)—Laborite members of Parliament demanded today an investigation into allegations that the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency intervened in British Guiana—now Guyana—to overthrow the government of leftist Prime Minister Cheddi Jagan in 1964.

Sidestepping the demands, Prime Minister Harold Wilson said that Guyana was now self-governing and the British government had no responsibility. He added that he was not responsible for events before October 1964.

"I know of no activities of this kind in British administrative territories," he said.

The issue was raised by Laborite Stan Newens, who asked if Wilson would make a statement of his policy toward efforts by the CIA and other U. S. intelligence organizations to infiltrate and influence territories for purposes of subversion of law and order.

The Parliamentary debate was spared by a Sunday Times story which said its investigations showed that the downfall of Jagan was largely engineered by the CIA.

It claimed that for more than five years, the CIA paid out something over \$700,000 through the London-based international trades union secretariat, the Public Services International, to

"The result was about 170 dead, untold hundreds wounded, roughly £10 million (\$28 million) worth of damage to the economy and a legacy of racial bitterness," the paper said.

Jagan was swept to power in 1953 in the first elections in the British colony. He soon moved against foreign sugar companies. The British government suspended the constitution, dissolved the government and ruled directly through the governor until 1957.

Then Jagan again won the elections. The Sunday Times said the Americans thought the only way to remove the threat of Jagan to South America was through upheaval.

The paper said that through the front organization of the Public Services International the CIA financed a 70-day general strike which eventually brought Jagan down.

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